



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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At its meeting held December 18, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Due to the October 2007 fires in the County of Los Angeles, it is important that the Department of Public Works install public safety protection devices at various locations in the Santa Clarita Valley. These facilities protect residents and homes from debris and mud flows in canyon areas where foliage was burned. These facilities must be constructed expeditiously in order to prepare for the rainy season currently underway and subsequent rainy seasons during the recovery period for the burned watershed. Of particular concern to staff of the County’s Flood Control District are homes located in Val Verde and Mint Canyon.

“The United States Department of Agriculture has an Emergency Watershed Program to address post-fire stormwater management. The program administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service provides technical assistance as well as grants to local communities. These funds, combined with potential funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the State Office of Emergency Services, and County Flood Control District funds allow for the construction of facilities to address or mitigate the threat to the safety of area residents and businesses caused by the fires.

“The right-of-way acquisition and installation of public safety protection measures, their maintenance during the period of the burned watersheds’ recovery, and their post-recovery removal are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act as specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency that may be caused by the effects of the fires.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Chief Executive Officer was authorized to take all actions necessary to have the Director of Public Works take the following actions, using Flood Control District funds, and to have the Director of Internal Services expedite all associated procurement of equipment and materials:

1. Use Public Works' staff to design, install, and acquire the necessary temporary rights-of-way and permits for measures to protect the communities of Val Verde and Mint Canyon from the effects caused by the October 2007 fires;
2. Serve as the public sponsor for grant submissions to the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the State Office of Emergency Services in order to secure Federal funds to assist in protecting communities in unincorporated areas from the effects caused by the October 2007 fires;
3. File a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk for the right-of-way acquisition, installation, maintenance, and post-recovery removal of the measures to protect communities in unincorporated areas from the effects caused by the October 2007 fires;
4. Use Public Works' staff to install and perform post recovery removal of measures recommended by the Natural Resources Conservation Service to protect communities in Val Verde and Mint Canyon from the effects caused by the October 2007 fires, with the understanding the City will be responsible for acquiring all rights-of-way and permits and coordinating with residents for maintenance; and
5. File a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk for the installation and post-recovery removal of measures to protect Val Verde and Santa Clarita from the effects caused by the October 2007 fires.

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